

TRIBUTE TO EDNA KELLY

(Mr. TOWNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce to my colleagues the sad news of the passing of one of our illustrious former New York colleagues, Edna F. Kelly, who served in this body from 1949 to 1968. Representative Kelly died at her residence in Alexandria, Virginia at the age of 91 on December 14 of last year. Throughout her 19-year career in the House, Representative Kelly was recognized for her expertise in foreign affairs, serving as the chair of the Subcommittee on Europe and retiring from Congress as the third ranking member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

During her tenure, Edna Kelly was responsible for measures that settled displaced people after World War II and refugees for Russia and Eastern Europe. She also helped to create the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Edna Kelly was truly a legislative pioneer. To pay tribute to her achievements, I have requested time tomorrow, and I urge my colleagues to join me in sharing their thoughts on this great lady and her accomplishments as a member of this House.

SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S CHILD CARE INITIATIVE

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, when I ran for this office, I called for a new national initiative on child care. I have visited child care facilities throughout my district. Every morning all across this country parents go to work and trust the most important people in their lives, their children, to someone else. Thirteen million children under age six are in child care during the day.

In other homes across the country, children under the age of 6 are glued to the television. They watch TV for hours because they have no place to go, no activities to occupy their time. Too much child care is of mediocre quality, but still not affordable to most working families. This is not because child care providers make big salaries.

Help is on the way. The President's proposal provides \$21 billion over 5 years to improve child care for America's working families. It doubles the number of children receiving child care subsidies, and it increases the tax credits for families and businesses.

Our mission is simple: Leave no child behind; support the President's child care initiative.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1500

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1500.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

WISE INVESTMENTS IN AMERICA

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, Americans are focused on the President right now, but it is important that they focus as well on the agenda that he will be outlining here this evening.

As we finally resolve the budget deficit, it is time to direct our attention and our energy to other deficits that exist in this land: Deficits in child care, deficits in our schools, deficits in health care and in our transportation system. Too many Americans approach the age of their 50s or 60s without the security of health insurance. They risk losing all that they have worked for with a health care emergency. They get downsized and down and out when it comes to health insurance and protection against a health care emergency.

The President has properly advanced the notion of expanding and strengthening Medicare, and providing all of us, regardless of age, a health care consumer Bill of Rights. Likewise, as we made progress last session on higher education, this session we should be devoting our attention to strengthening the public education system and to recognizing that one of the best ways to back up families is to provide them the child care resources, through our tax system and otherwise, to back up their efforts. These would be wise investments in America.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILLY" ROLLE

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sadness for the loss of what I call an urban patriot, a young man by the name of William "Billy" Rolle who resided in Coconut Grove, Florida. He not only resided there, Mr. Speaker, but he helped to build the youth of that community. Not only did he build the youth, but he also helped the elderly. He closed the gap between youth and old age by working very hard with all people in Miami and in Dade County.

Billy Rolle was a jazz man. He played the saxophone, not only from the rhythmic standpoint of playing the keys on the saxophone, but he did it from the standpoint of training young people in music. He trained them in athletics. He had an AAU track team. He did everything he could to help the young people in Miami.

Mr. Speaker, Billy Rolle did not have all the money that government puts into programs, but what "Billy" Rolle

did was to put himself into these programs, to train these young people, take them off the street, to be sure that they learned many things that would improve their quality of life. It is such a time now that we grieve the death of William "Billy" Rolle, because he died an untimely death. But Mr. Speaker, Billy Rolle shall always be remembered as a man in Dade County who did a lot for many, many people, but most of all, he gave of service and invested in human lives, and for that, we shall always remember William "Billy" Rolle, Frankie Rolle, his lovely wife of 46 years, his daughter Melanie, his son, little Billy, and the other children throughout Dade County that William "Billy" Rolle helped.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize Members for Special Orders until 5:30 p.m., at which time the Chair will declare the House in recess.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

TYPHOON PAKA

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express on behalf of the people of Guam our heartfelt sympathies to all our fellow Americans who are victims of winter storms and who are still without electricity to keep themselves warm.

Mr. Speaker, as the Nation's attention focuses on the plight of our friends and neighbors in the northeast, we in Guam are quietly recovering from the devastation of a massive tropical cyclone, Typhoon Paka, which struck Guam on December 16th. Paka destroyed or severely damaged 8,000 homes, injuring more than 200 people and leaving more than 3,000 families homeless. Of the homeless, more than 1,000 required temporary housing immediately.

The typhoon made a shambles out of hundreds of public and private buildings and facilities, schools, churches, stores, businesses and parks. The island was stripped of foliage, and thousands of trees as well as even concrete power poles were mowed down. Typhoon Paka pummeled Guam for 12 hours, causing an estimated \$256 million in damages.

Christmas in Guam was not as bright as usual, but the people of Guam celebrated a joyous and grateful holiday